

**Oberlin City Council meeting**  
**5:00 pm**  
**August 15, 2019**



**AGENDA**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
Gateway 1 & 2 – Oberlin, Kansas  
August 15, 2019  
5:00 PM

**Meeting Called to Order** – Mayor Brandon Oien

**ROLL CALL** of the Members of the City Council and determination of a quorum.  
Marchello \_\_\_\_\_ Lohofener\_\_\_\_\_ Gawith \_\_\_\_\_ McHugh \_\_\_\_\_ McDougal \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE to the Flag**

**OATH OF OFFICE** – Garret McDougal

**CLOSE REGULAR MEETING, OPEN BUDGET HEARING**

**CLOSE BUDGET HEARING, OPEN REGULAR MEETING**

- Approval of the 2020 Proposed Budget

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Discussion and possible action by motion to approve the following items and or reports:

- Approval of minutes of previous meetings
- Appropriation Ordinance (Payment of Bills)  
Motion \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_

**POOL TEAM-LEADER REPORT** – Dani Rouse

**ADMINISTRATORS REPORT**

1. Next Council Meeting September 5, 2019
2. KIAC Meeting Update
3. ESP Energy Study
4. Land Bid
5. Fair
6. Storm
7. Electrical Contract
8. Miriam’s Hope

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**#1** Executive Session on discussion under the attorney-client relationship exception. K.S.A. 75-4319(b) (2).

**#2** Executive Session on matters under the non-elected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b) (1).

**REPORTS OF OTHER OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

- Mayors Report
- Public Works Department – Foreman Sporn 8-12-19 Report
- Police – Police Chief Burmaster July 2019 Report
- Board Reports - **Chamber** - July 2019 Minutes and August Agenda  
-**BOZA** - Aug 1, 2019 Minutes
- Other Reports

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – August 1, 2019 - GATEWAY- 5:00 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Brandon Oien called the meeting to order at 5:07 pm and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call of the Members of the City Council – Deb Lohofener, Scott Gawith, Kristin McHugh, and Jim Marchello by phone until 5:20 pm. Majority of the Body Present.

**Others Present:** City Administrator Halley Roberson, Treasurer Steve Zodrow, Foreman David Sporn, Police Chief Brad Burmaster, Gateway Manager Chris Ward, Marketing Manager Susan Unger, Cynthia Haynes with the Oberlin Herald, Ruth Miesner, Heather McDougal, Sappa Intern Matthew Barnes, Brice Meitl, Gary Walter, Carolyn Hackney, Justine Benoit with NWKPDC, Chris Miller with Miller & Associates, Makenzie Urban, Jennifer D’Amico, City Attorney Steve Hirsch and City Clerk Sandy Rush entered at 5:10 pm.

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS** – Motion by Gawith, second by Lohofener to approve Mayor Oien’s recommendation to appoint Garret McDougal as councilmember replacing Oien, term to last until January 2020. **Motion Carried.**

**CLOSE REGULAR MEETING at 5:20, OPEN CDBG HEARING** - Justine Benoit explained September 27, 2019, was the deadline for the CDBG waterline project application. The total cost for the improvements will be \$1,262,700 with the CDBG funding \$600,000 and City funding \$662,700 if awarded. The mains proposed for replacement are cast iron, and York Avenue, Jefferson Street, and Griffith Avenue mains were installed in the 1880s. The Hall Street water main has blocks of main installed in the 1880s and 1940s. City Treasurer Zodrow said the City has been setting money aside for this for years. With no further questions, Mayor Oien closed the hearing.

**CLOSE CDBG HEARING at 5:28, OPEN REGULAR MEETING**

1. Lohofener moved, second by Gawith to approve Resolution 712, certifying legal authority to apply for the 2020 CDBG grant application and authorizing the Mayor to sign. **Motion carried.**
2. Gawith moved, second by Lohofener to approve CDBG Resolution 713, assuring the Kansas Department of Commerce that funds will be continually provided for the operation and maintenance of improvements to be financed with CDBG funds. **Motion carried.**
3. Gawith moved, second by Lohofener to approve NWKPDC contract for administration services contingent upon CDBG funding. **Motion carried.**
4. Gawith moved, second by Lohofener to approve Miller & Associates Engineering Contract contingent upon CDBG funding. **Motion carried.**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval of minutes – for July 18, 2019, regular Council meeting.

Appropriation Ordinance - Payment of Bills.

McHugh moved, second by Lohofener to approve the Consent Agenda. **Motion carried.**

**POOL TEAM LEADER REPORT** – Mackenzie Urban reported for the week of July 15 to July 21, a total of 712 patrons with an average of 102 per day had enjoyed the pool. July 22 to July 28 a total of 608 patrons and an average of 87 people per day and July 29 to August 1, a total of 296 with an average of 74 patrons per day participated at the pool. 42 public lesson total, 23 private lessons, and 2 parent/child lessons were given. Six saves so far this year.

**SAPPA PARK INTERN REPORT** – Matt Barnes gave a recap of the Strategic Doing meeting held on July 25. He said teams started right away with a large group going to the park to see what they could get done. Mr. Barnes also thanked the council for the opportunity to work with them through the Dane G. Hanson Foundation as tomorrow will be his last day.

Gary Walter, who is on the Shelter house Strategic Doing committee, handed out historical information from Jack Benton telling the history of the Shelter house. He has asked Shane Bird with Aqua Shield to look at the shingles and give him a bid of the repairs needed. Chris Wilson has also looked at the electrical system and will present an estimate of the antiquated electrical system. Mr. Walter said the windows had been measured for replacing the broken ones. Many volunteers had stepped up to help with the repairs, and the group will be looking for donations and seeking grants for the restoration work. Their goal is to restore it back to what it once was. He reassured the council no money had been spent yet and they will ask for their permission before any work is done.

**EVENT UPDATE** – Marketing Director Susan Unger and Gateway Manager Chris Ward updated the council on the upcoming events and projects in the works.

### **ADMINISTRATORS REPORT**

Next council meeting and Budget Hearing will be August 15, 2019. Senator Moran will be here August 5 at the Legion. Administrator Roberson told the council Matt Barnes and the director of admissions and outreach and recruitment coordinator of Colby Community College would be meeting with the lifeguards to educate them on the opportunities of internship and the advantages of going to a two-year institution. The crew helped the High School haul desks to the landfill that were not donated to the Oklahoma school.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**FAA Amendment No. 2, Olsson Engineering Agreement for Runway 17-35 Extension Completion per FAA Change Order** – Gawith moved, second by Lohofener to approved Amendment No. 2 as presented. This change order is for a survey required by the FAA and is a 40-mile radius around the airport adding \$82,000 to the cost with city share at 10% or \$8,200. **Motion carried.**

**Vaping Policy** – Gawith moved, second by McHugh to approve the proposed Vaping Policy for no vaping on city property. **Motion carried.**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Fireworks Ordinance No. 909** – Lohofener moved, second by McHugh to approve Ordinance No. 909 for fireworks to be discharged at the Decatur County Fair Grounds at any time pursuant to a city-issued permit. **Motion carried.**

**Highway 36 Land Survey** – Administrator Roberson presented two land survey options for the property on Highway 36 west of the gun club. She explained the one option was for 8.5 acres without a bike trail and the other option was for just 8 acres excluding half an acre for a future bike trail to the Sappa Park. Marchello moved not to sell now, due to a lack of a second, the motion died. Gawith moved, second by Lohofener to sell 8 acres by the bid process. Marchello was reassured the council will still have the right to reject all bids. **Motion carried.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** - Mayor called for a 15-minute Executive Session under the attorney-client relationship exception. K.S.A. 75-4319(b) (2). To include mayor, administrator, city attorney, and council starting at 5:56 p.m. Gawith moved, second by Lohofener. **Motion carried.** Back in session at 6:13 pm with no action being taken.

#### **REPORTS OF OTHER OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

- Mayors Report – Reported he received letters from patrons of their concerns about the budget and encouraged all to talk to the rest of the council.
- Public Works Department – Foreman Sporn 7-29-19 Report attached.
- Treasurers Report – Treasurer Steve Zodrow Sales and Use History Report attached.
- Board Reports – Steve Hirsch reported on the Board of Zoning Appeals regarding an Animal Request which was granted to all three addresses.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:20 PM Lohofener moved, second by Gawith to adjourn. **Motion carried.**

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Sandy Rush, City Clerk

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Brandon Oien, Mayor



## MIRIAM'S HOPE

Where the hurts of the past meet the hopes of the future

The Mission of Miriam's Hope is to confront the foster care epidemic in a Christian way. With over 400,000 children in foster care right now and 100,000 are ready to be adopted but have no homes open to going to, the church needs to get involved.

Our vision is to take families that are at a high risk of losing their kids to foster care and house them in our apartments. Our 12-18-month program built solely on the foundation of Jesus Christ and the Apostles will completely reset their life.

There are not many programs in the country that take in entire families. We believe the preservation of families is paramount to change in the foster care epidemic.

Miriam's Hope 501C3- ESTABLISHED IN 2017.

- Donations and financial support come from local individual sponsors and local mission/church groups. 90%of donations are from local individuals — no Federal or State Assistance. Currently, the yearly donations are around \$60'000.00 to \$70'000.00.
- The support also comes from families in the program that is already receiving government assistance such as food stamps. Families will pool together assistance programs to help each other. This is done not to burden churches of resources. (free food programs, etc.)
- All donated money go for care of the Facilities, (Goal Oberlin and Current Hastings), Salaries for employees and counselors. The goal is to keep growing this Mission.
- Current Facility is in Hastings, Nebraska. This facility is under a 5-year contract and has been donated from a local church in Hastings at no charge for Miriam's Hope to use for the 5-year term. It has been in contract since 2016. It can only house 2 families. Expansion for this program is crucial.

Getting in Miriam's Hope Program

- Referral's by State, Judges, family/friend, or Church, etc.
- The vetting process is in place that the Board of Miriam's Hope works through.
- Most candidates are dealing with Mental Illness and/or drug addictions. Program is to help keep or get back Children with parents to avoid the foster care system.
- The program is completely volunteer-based.
- The application process is mandatory.
- Families in the program are not from local communities. It is to easy to get back into the bad situations and choices made before when you have easy access to them. This program is a fresh start and renewal foundation. They vet for families that are from outer areas/States mostly. This is a case by case in the vetting process.

## Policies while in Mariam's Hope Program

- Suggested that families do not work for the first season. This to establish a reset and fresh beginning.
- Christ-centered prayer and bible study daily.
- Working on the Ranch (Oberlin) with crops, farm animals, and cleaning/repairs on houses.
- Working on growing the list through the Program. (A checklist developed for each member of families in the Program)
- When ready for job placement, if needed, the staff will assist them in making correct choices and where city wise to find employment.
- Counseling sessions each week with the Goal to have a full-time Therapist on staff and on location. Currently, have a therapist from Mc Cook to assist in weekly sessions.
- Must attend a church of their choice 2 times weekly.
- There are a variety of parenting classes, and Christ-based growth and development classes to assist in healthy and Christian choices and lifestyles.
- Trust-Based Relational Intervention program is the foundation primary used.
- Luke is a practitioner of TBRI which was developed by Karyn Purvis at TCU. Miriam's Hope uses the evidence-based program to work with families. Miriam's Hope also offers a TBRI caregiver training once a year in August to educate the organizations that are directly impacted by the families they work with.
- Issues that arise if policies are not met will be accessed and dealt with on a case by case bases by the Board. If the issues are too great to continue in the program, then a bus pass will be given to the persons where they choose.
- Luke will work with the area school system if the need arises to assist teachers in dealing with troubled youth and provide training. Up to current Hasting, the school system has not had any issues with children in the program. The program is focused on parenting skills so parents can learn to address issues before they start.

## Current Success of Miriam's Hope

- 3 families have Graduated and are doing well with children and parents together in their own home.
- 2 families are currently in the program in Hastings.





# OBERLIN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT TO COUNCIL MONTH OF JULY, 2019

**CITY COURT: FINES COLLECTED IN JULY, 2019 - \$3,814.00 -YTD \$27,855.80**  
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### CITY COURT CASES FILED

- 1 - MECHANICAL EXHAUST DEVICE
- 3 - ILLEGAL TAGS
- 1 - DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE
- 12 - MAXIMUM SPEED LIMITS
- 3 - NO DRIVER'S LICENSE
- 1 - DRIVING ACROSS LAWNS OR SIDEWALKS
- 1 - DUTY UPON STRIKING UNATTENDED PROPERTY
- 1 - SPEED LIMITATIONS
- 1 - SEATBELT
- 2 - MOTOR VEHICLE LIABILITY INSURANCE

### DISTRICT COURT CASES / OTHER FILED

- 1 - DRIVE COMMERCIAL VEHICLE WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED
- 1 - DOMESTIC BATTERY
- 1 - CRIMINAL RESTRAINT
- 1 - POLICE PROTECTIVE CUSTODY
- 1 - NO DRIVER'S LICENSE
- 1 - MOTOR VEHICLE LIABILITY INSURANCE

ANIMAL CONTROL: 1 - DOG AT LARGE

CODE ENFORCEMENT: NONE

Decatur County Chamber of Commerce  
July 10, 2019

Present: Jill Reichert, Shayla Williby, Brad Marcuson, Joe Stanley, Chris Hackney, Carolyn Hackney & Dayna M

Meeting was called to order by Carolyn

Jill gave the Treasurers report  
Minutes were presented

Lisa made a motion to accept the Treasurers report & Minutes as presented, Jill seconded, motion carried

#### PAST EVENTS

Our meal for the Farmers Market was rescheduled for Sept. We will have a date at the next meeting

Shayla gave an update on the Business Marketing meeting- 10 people attended this & was a successful meeting

The US Hwy 36 meeting was well attended.

#### FUTURE EVENTS

Up In Smoke- So far have \$1620 in sponsorships, sponsorship letters were sent out by Shayla, Jill & Cynthia have been contacting businesses.  
Cynthia hopes to go around and visit with more businesses before long.

Ribbon cuttings- Inno Native, the new tire shop & Oberlin Farm & Supply needs done next. Carolyn will get these scheduled

Craft Fair- Carolyn is working on new forms, she is hoping to have that all done by August 1st & will start advertising by Sept 1st  
Discussion on food for the event

Fair booth- Discussed doing this next year and seeing if we can go together with the EDC & CVB and maybe do a pamphlet & get a picture collage together & maybe video

Light Parade- Joe, Carrie Morford & Gary Walters have done it in the past. Discussion Joe said he would do the announcing again

#### BUSINESS

Jill checked on some Banners for the Chamber  
She thought it would be nice to have one for the Up In Smoke where sponsors names could be put on the banner. She & Lisa are checking on prices for this option. Table till next meeting

Shayla asked if everyone liked the new logo Ladd Wendelin made or if we should go back to a simpler one, that is more readable when it is used? Table till next meeting and we will have options to look at

A DAD account balance sheet was presented. The general account is no longer on there? We would like to have a balance sheet and also checking/savings account statements & a representative at the next meeting. Carolyn said when the DAD account was first started there was no General fund. Discussion

The grant for the new speaker system has not been sent in yet. Shayla is waiting on support letters then it will get submitted.

Meeting adjourned (Chris, Lisa)

Next meeting is Aug 14 @ noon @ BEE building

# Chamber Board Meeting

August 14, 2019

1. **Attendance**

2. **Financials**

Treasurer's report - Jill Reichert

3. **Past Events**

Sidewalk sale- Chris Hackney.

4. **Future Events**

Up in Smoke BBQ- - Sponsorships, teams, other - Cynthia/Heather/Shayla/Jill

U.S. 36 meeting treasure hunt - Shayla

Ribbon cuttings ???- Carolyn Hackney

Craft Fair - Carolyn

Other Upcoming events - Shayla??

Need to have someone run a candidates forum - Cynthia

5. **Old/New Business under Chamber**

Banner replacements - Laurie Wasson??

Speaker system under canopies grant - Shayla??

Christmas decorations - Heather McDougal

Other business???

Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting

August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019

Those Present were zoning committee members, Amanda Fortin, Glen Stragey, and Chris Koerperich. Others present were, Mike and Bernita Gawith, Cynthia Haynes, Carolyn Hackney, David Sporn, Karen Nichols, Piper Koerperich, Sandy Rush, Steve Hirsch, Matt Barnes, and Jedaiah and Kaylee Sowell.

The following request were made for animal permits at locations in the city limits:

610 N Neill filed by Kurt Anderson for a maximum of 20 chickens.

502 S. Frazier filed by Jedaiah and Kaylee Sowell for a maximum of 15 ducks, 30 chickens and 2 to 4 goats.

711 E. Frontier Pkwy filed by Ryan and Karen Nichols for a maximum of 3 rabbits, 25 chickens, 5 ducks, and 50 pheasants.

Glen asked if anyone had any public comments. Mike and Bernita Gawith voiced their objection to having these animals in the city limits and said they will smell and are dirty. They also thought it would lead to people wanting bigger animals like cows and pigs. Carolyn Hackney did not think it would be a bad think and said many people in the bigger cities have chickens in their back yards. The zoning board received 4 objections via mail.

The zoning board asked each individual requesting the animal permits what their intended use for the animals were and where their locations was.

There was discussion regarding having rooster's vs chickens and the roosters being noisy

Chris made a motion to approve 15 chickens, no roosters, at 610 N Neill Ave, Amanda Seconded motion, motion carried unanimously.

Chris made a motion to approve the request as applied for at 502 S Frazier adding no roosters to be allowed, Amanda seconded motion, motion carried unanimously.

Chris made a motion to approve the request as applied for at 711 E. Frontier Pkwy adding no roosters to be allowed, Amanda seconded motion, motion carried unanimously.

Amanda made a motion to adjourn meeting, Chris seconded motion, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned

Secretary,

Amanda Fortin